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Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Seven Board Member Positions on Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Nominations due by: October 27, 2003

Release Date: September 26, 2003

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules,¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks nominations for the following Board member positions on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million (position currently held by Kevin Hess)
- Representative for interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues (position currently held by Joel Lubin)
- Representative for competitive local exchange carriers (position currently held by David Conn)
- Representative for information service providers (position currently held by Robert Rivera)
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Father William Davis)
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Jay Sanders)
- Representative for state telecommunications regulators (position currently held by Jo Anne Sanford)

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

The terms of the above Board members, with the exception of David Conn, are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2003.² Mr. Conn vacated his position on the USAC Board, effective September 23, 2003. On behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, the Wireline Competition Bureau wishes to thank each of the Board members listed above for their diligent efforts and dedicated service on the USAC Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(1) of the Commission's rules, only members of the industry or non-industry group that a Board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position (*e.g.*, only competitive local exchange carriers may submit nominations for the Board member who will represent competitive local exchange carriers). In order to expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry or non-industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the Board, or fail to submit a nomination for the particular Board member seat, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned: **"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."**³ An original and four copies of each nomination must be filed, in accordance with Part 1 of the Commission's rules, with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, two copies of each nomination should be submitted to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. Each nomination should specify the position on the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and should be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. Nominations received prior to the release of this public notice will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted. **All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by October 27, 2003.**

The Commission's contractor, Vistronix Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

² Originally, Mr. Conn's term was set to expire December 31, 2005.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).

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